

# Cryogenic Stopping Cell and Multiple-Reflection Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer for Precision Experiments With Exotic Nuclei at GSI and FAIR

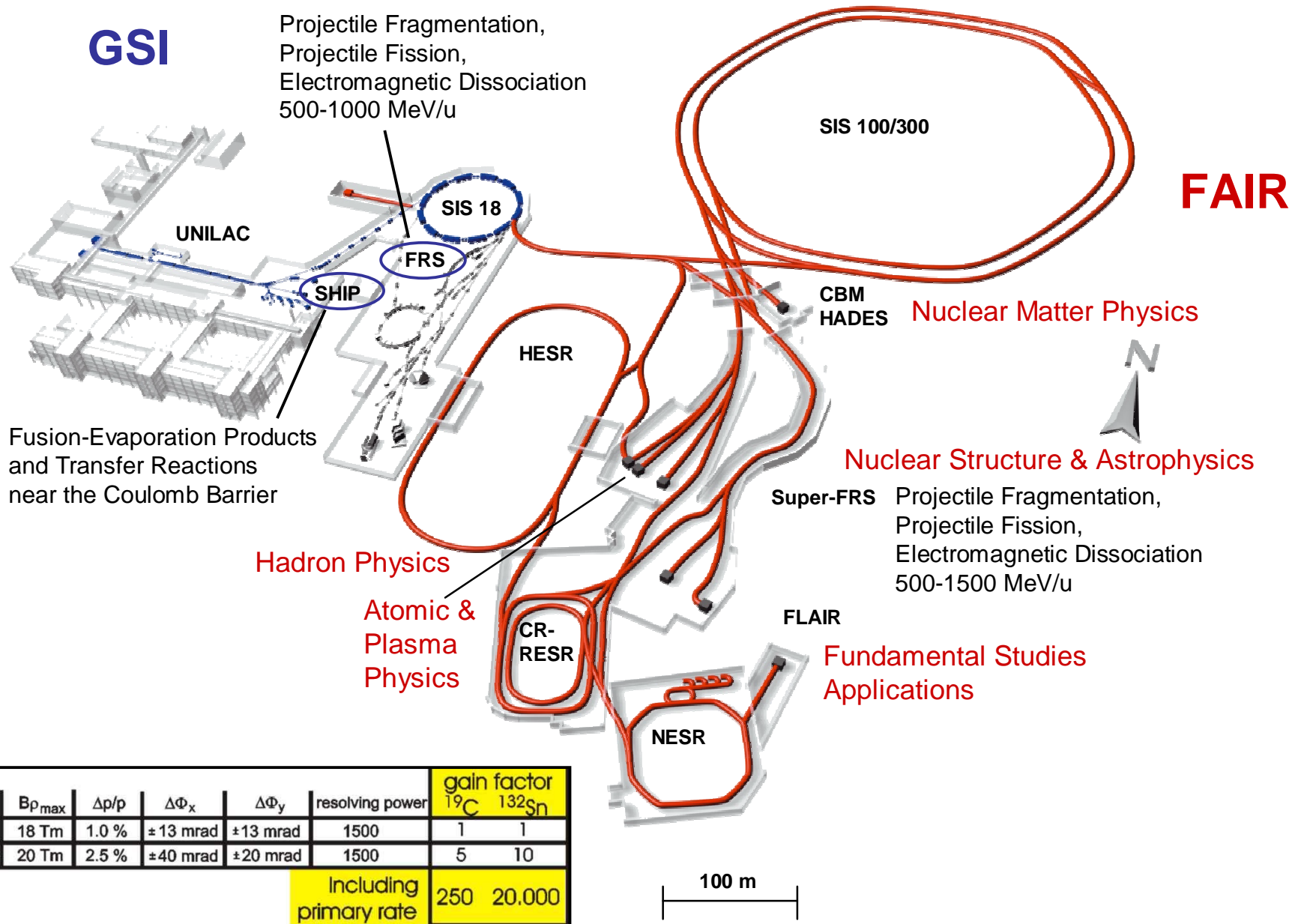
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## Overview

- Cryogenic Stopping Cell for the Super-FRS at FAIR
- Multiple-Reflection Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer
- On-line Commissioning at the FRS Ion Catcher at GSI
- Conclusions and Outlook

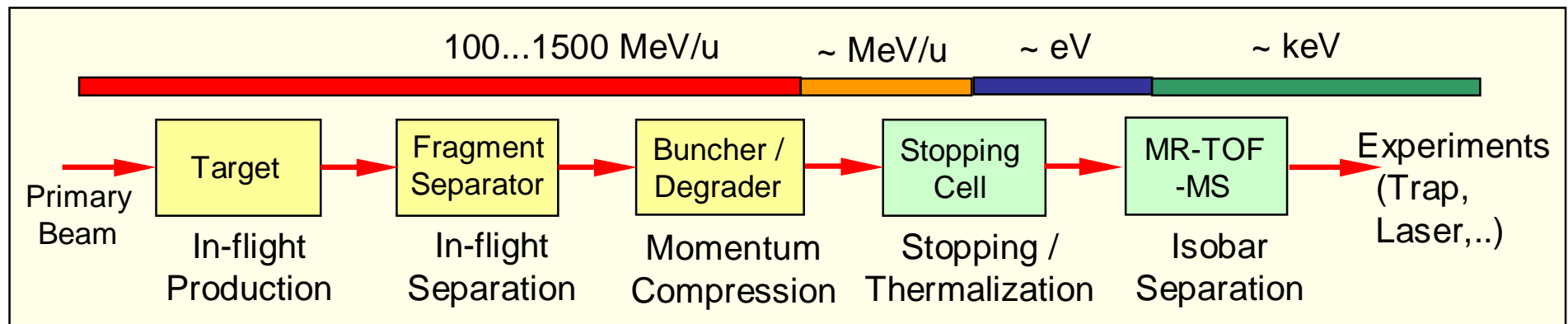
# GSI and FAIR



# Motivation: Low Energy Branch of the Super-FRS

**LEB:** High-precision experiments with in-flight separated exotic nuclei almost at rest, (production by projectile fragmentation / fission)

- universal and fast production
- high selectivity
- cooled exotic nuclei

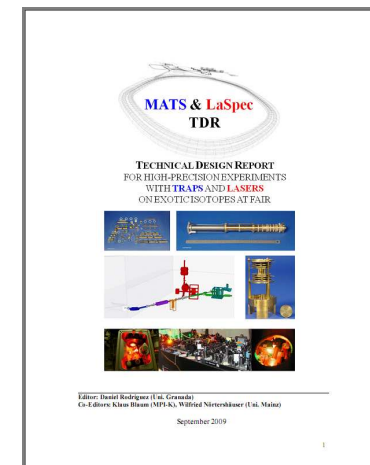


**MATS** (Precision Measurements of very short-lived nuclei using an Advanced Trapping System for highly charged ions)

- High accuracy mass measurements
- In-trap conversion electron and alpha spectroscopy
- Trap assisted spectroscopy

**LaSpec** (Laser Spectroscopy)

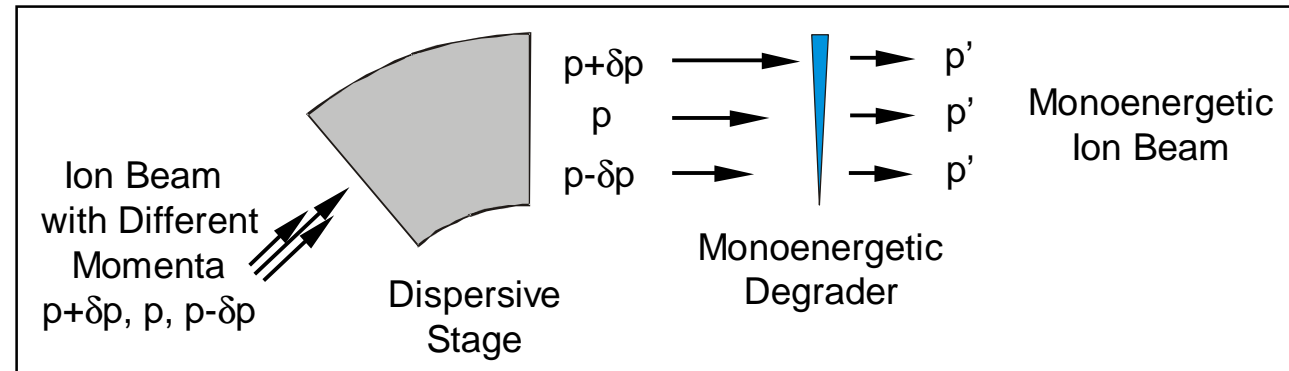
- Collinear laser spectroscopy of ions and atoms
- $\beta$ -NMR
- Resonance ionization spectroscopy



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# Stopping Cell Principles

## Range Bunching

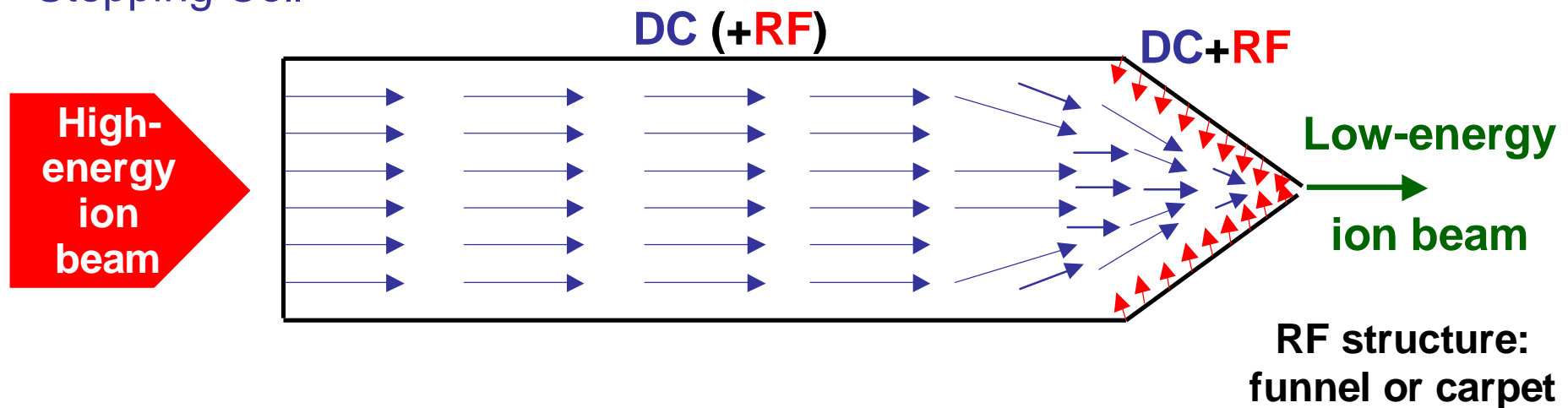


H. Geissel et al., NIM A 282 (1989) 247

H. Weick et al., NIM B 164 (2000) 168

C. Scheidenberger et al., NIM B 204 (2003) 119

## Stopping Cell



M. Wada et al., NIM B 204 (2003) 570

G. Savard et al., NIM B 204 (2003) 582

# Stopping Cell Design

## Cryogenic Operation

Operate He-filled stopping cell at cryogenic temperature ( $\sim 70$  K)

- Ultra-pure helium (freezing-out of contaminants)
  - Ideal for ion survival, 2+ charge state possible
  - No formation of molecules/adducts
- Reduced radial ion diffusion
- Reduced requirements for cleanliness  $\rightarrow$  easier, more flexible construction
- Operational reliability

P. Dendooven et al., NIM A 558 (2006) 580

S. Purushothaman et al., NIM B 266 (2008) 4488

## High-density Operation

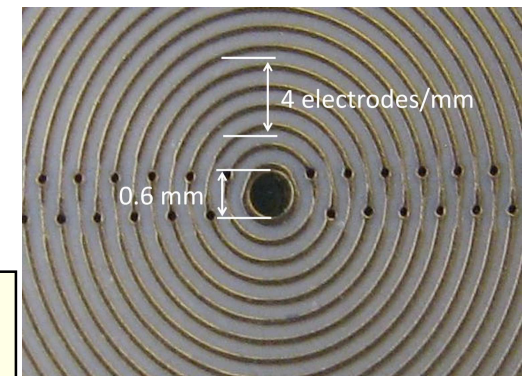
Use RF structure with small spacing to achieve high RF repelling field  
(PCB-based RF carpet instead of RF funnel)

- High stopping gas densities
- Less complex construction than RF funnels

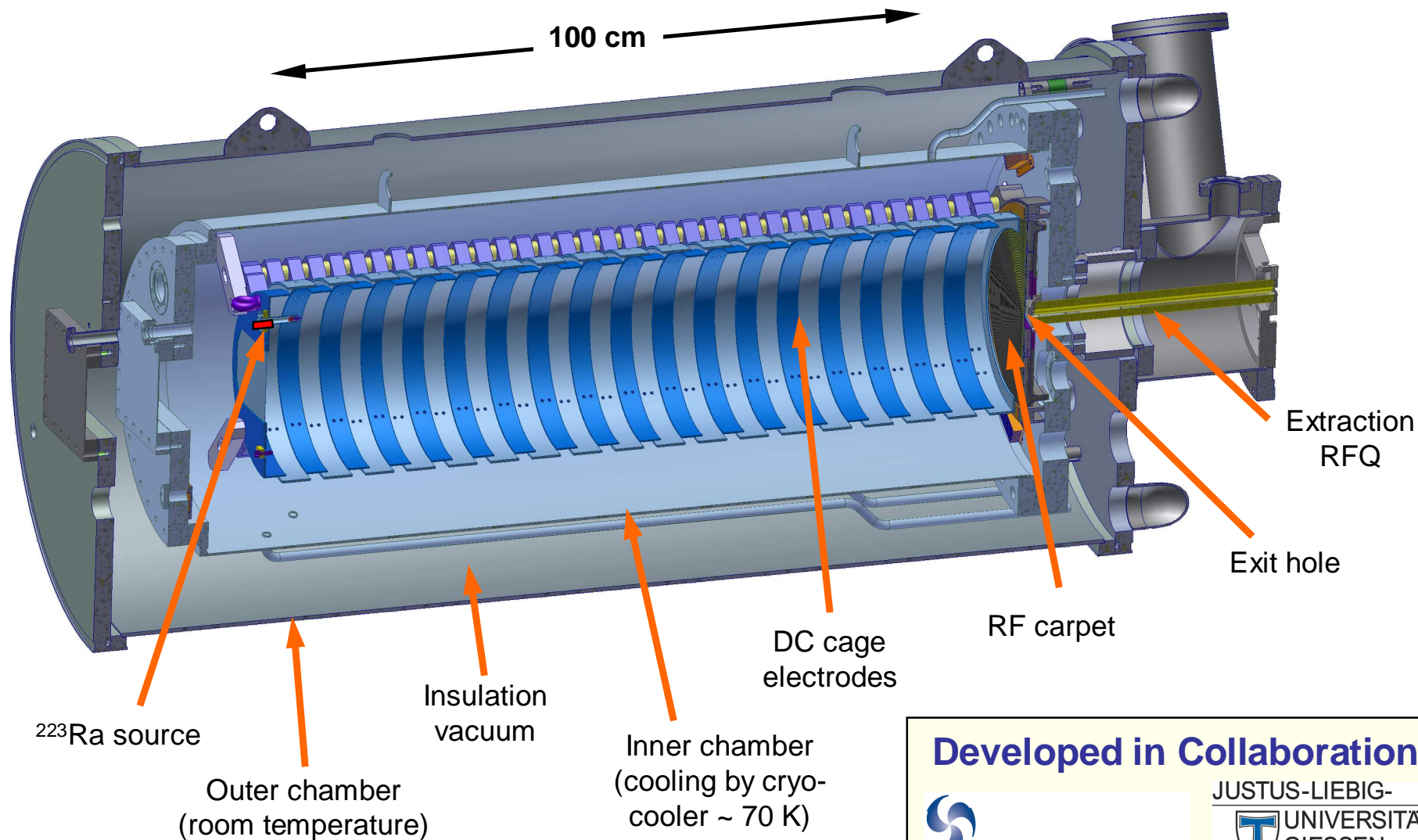
M. Wada et al., NIM B 204 (2003) 570

M. Ranjan et al., Europhys. Lett. 96 (2011) 52001

Diameter:	250 mm
Electrode spacing:	0.25 mm



# Stopping Cell Design



M. Ranjan et al., Europhys. Lett. 96 (2011) 52001

M. P. Reiter, Master Thesis, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen (2011)

**Developed in Collaboration**



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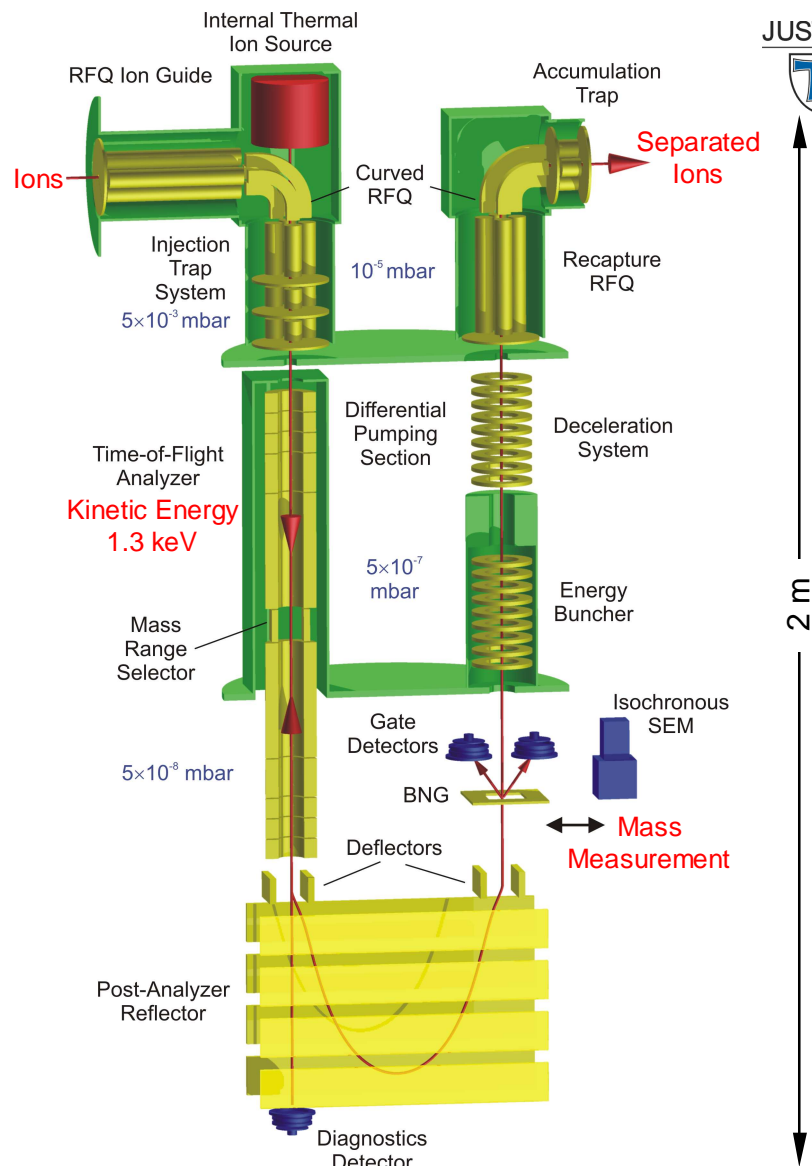


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# Multiple-Reflection Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer

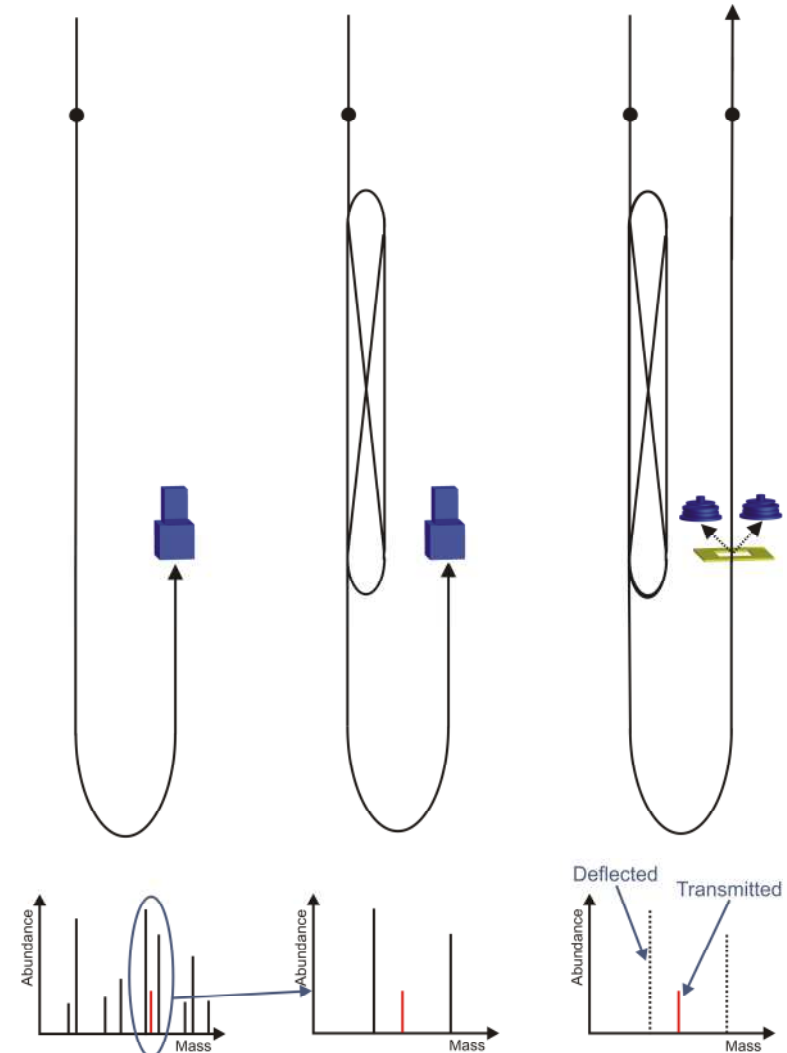


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Broadband  
Mass  
Measurements

High-Resolution  
Mass  
Measurements

Isobar  
Separator



W.R. Plaß et al., NIM B 266 (2008) 4560

W.R. Plaß et al., Int. J. Mass Spectrom. 394 (2013) 134

Full Mass Range,  
 $m/\Delta m \sim 10^3$ - $10^4$

$m/\Delta m \sim 10^5$ - $10^6$ ,  
Mass Accuracy  $\sim 10^{-6}$ - $10^{-7}$

$m/\Delta m > 10^5$

# Performance Characteristics of the MR-TOF-MS

**Universal mass spectrometer and mass separator**  
(works for all elements, stable and unstable ions)

Mass Resolving Power

600,000

Repetition Rate

up to 400 Hz

Mass Measurement Accuracy

$\sim 10^{-7}$

Transmission efficiency

up to 70%

Measurement Duration

$\sim 10$  ms

Ion Capacity

$> 10^6$  ions / s

Sensitivity

$\sim 10$  ions

Dynamic Range

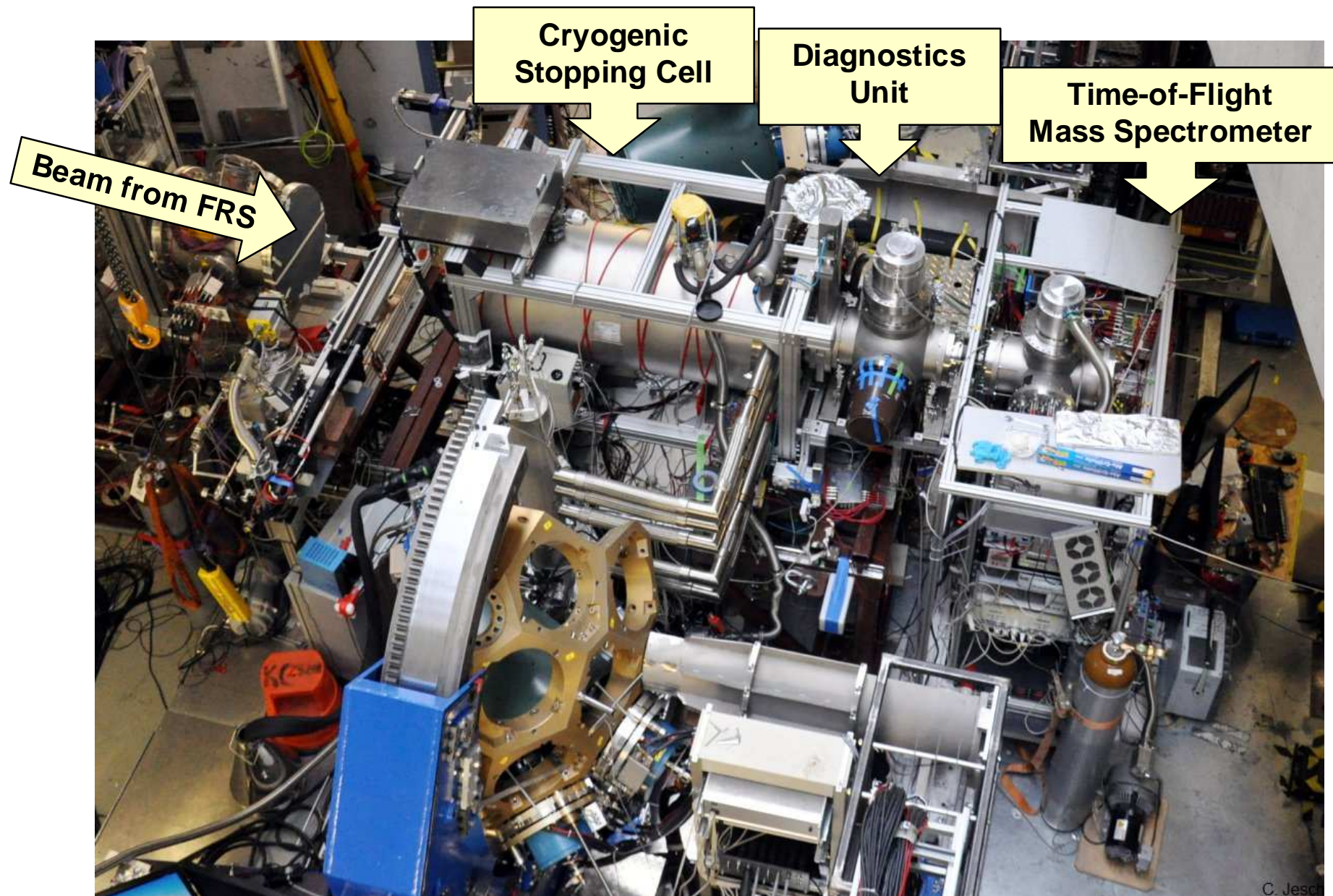
$> 10^4$

**World-wide unique combination of performance characteristics!**

Further performance improvements are underway.

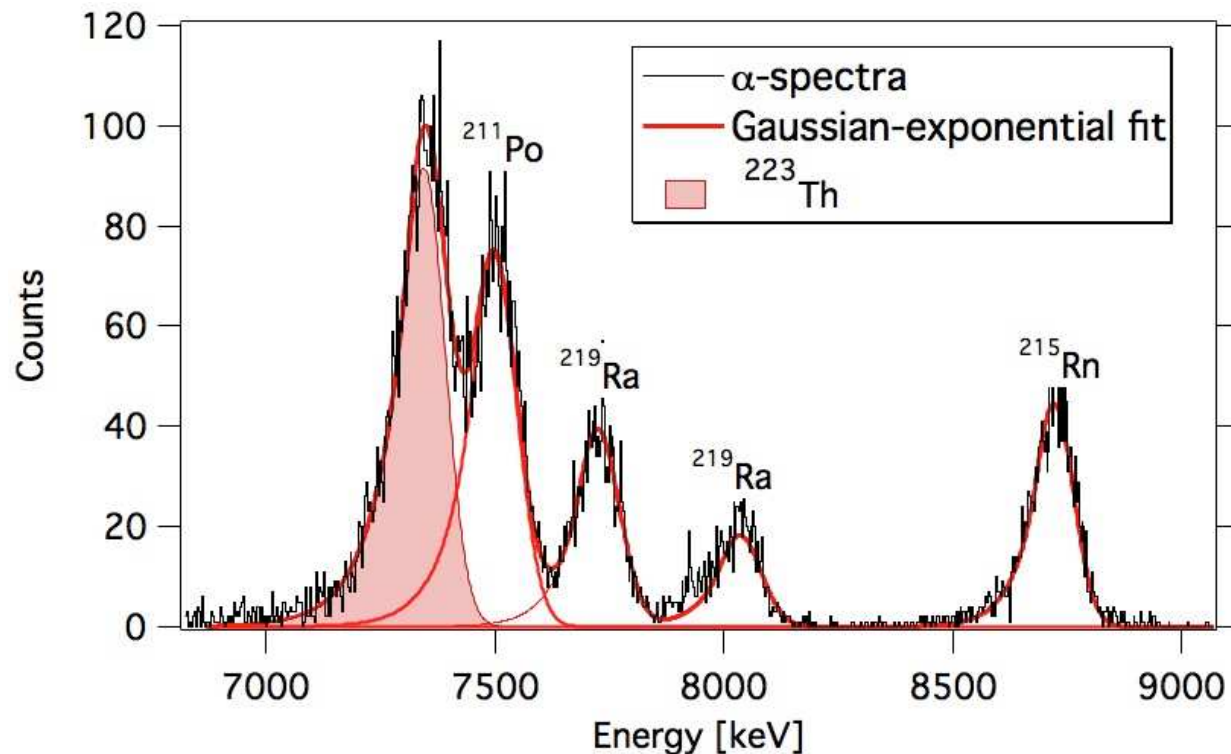


# FRS Ion Catcher Experiments in 2011 / 2012



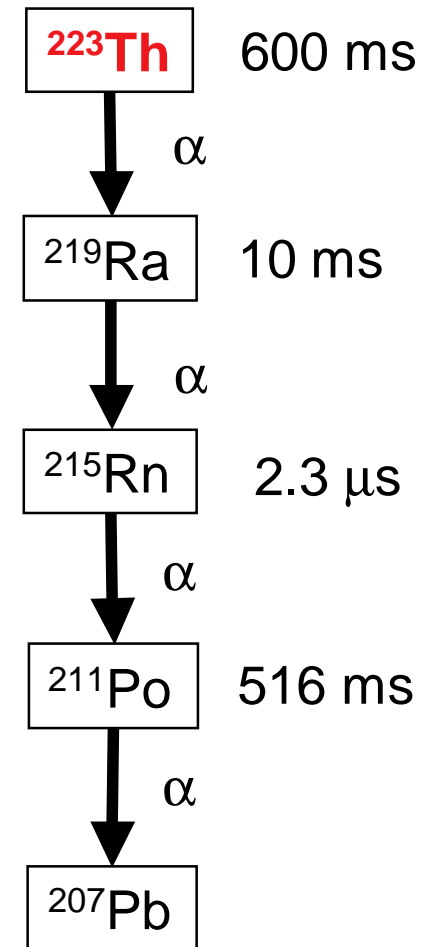
# Stopping Cell Performance

Si detector spectrum of extracted projectile fragments



**First on-line operation of a  
cryogenic stopping cell for exotic nuclei**

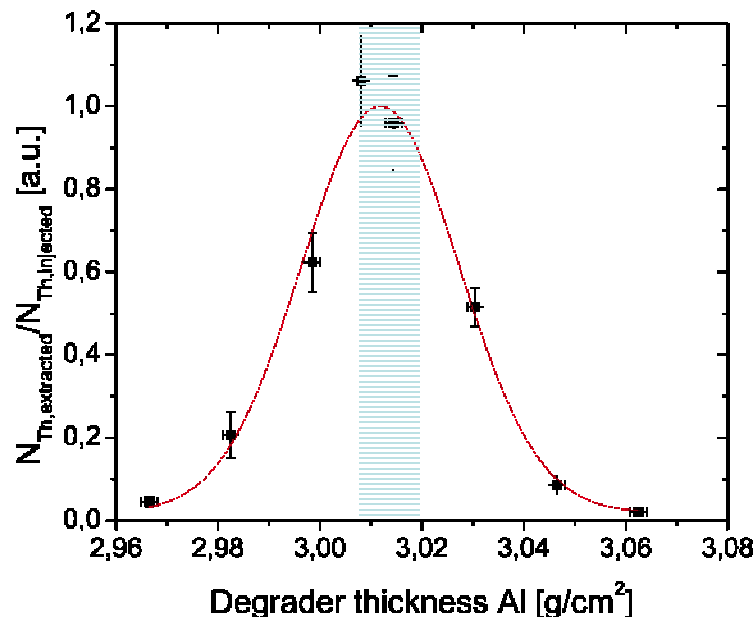
**extracted as 2+**



S. Purushothaman et al., EPL (in print)

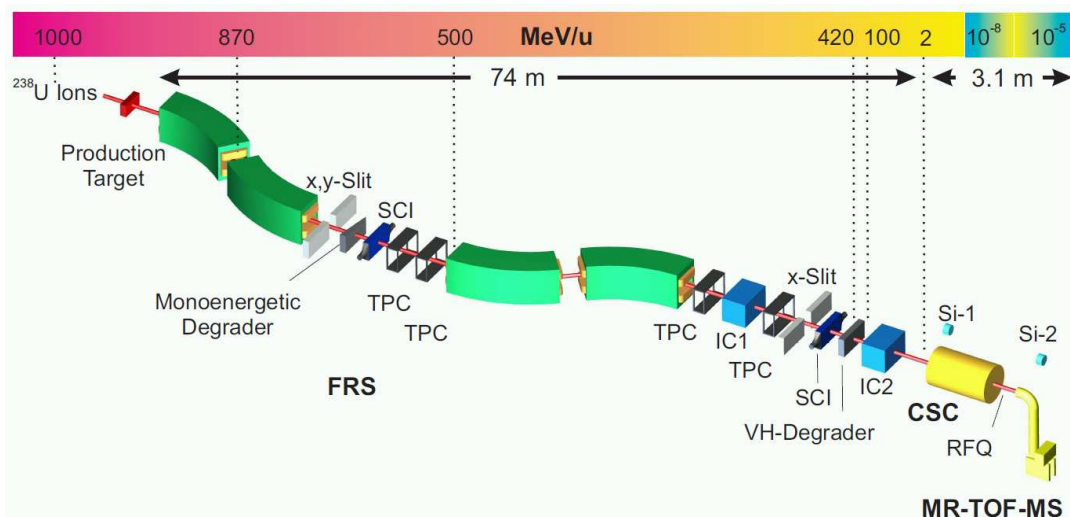
# Stopping and Extraction Efficiencies

Range distribution of  $^{223}\text{Th}$



- Range distribution:  
 $\sigma = 13.5 \text{ mg/cm}^2 \text{ (Al)}$   
 $\sigma = 7 \text{ mg/cm}^2 \text{ (He)}$
- Stopping cell: 100 mbar, 100 K  
 $\rightarrow$  Areal density:  $5 \text{ mg/cm}^2 \text{ (He)}$   
 $\rightarrow$  corresponds to  $\sim 300 \text{ mbar}$  at room temperature

**Almost 2 times higher gas density compared to other stopping cells using an RF structure**



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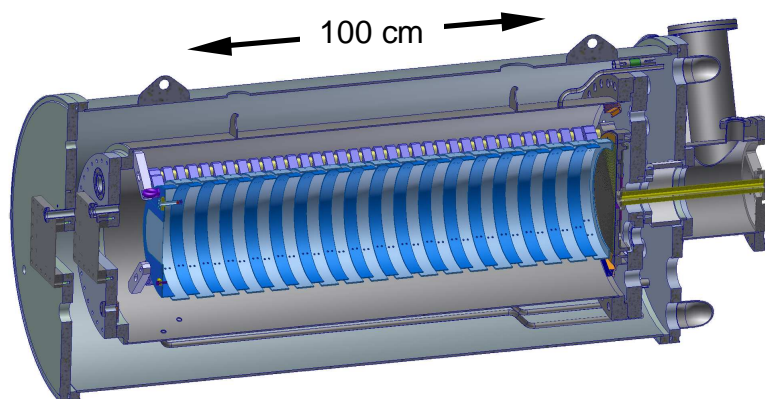
# Stopping and Extraction Efficiencies

	Experiment 2011	Experiment 2012
Pressure / mbar	98	47
Temperature / K	100	78
Areal Density / (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> He)	4.9	3.1
<b><sup>223</sup>Th</b>		
Range Distribution ( $\sigma$ ) / (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> He)	6.7	6.85
Stopping Efficiency / %	$27.0 \pm 2.4$	$15.9 \pm 1.8$
Survival and extraction efficiency / %	$43 \pm 7$	$62 \pm 12$
Total Efficiency / %	$11.6 \pm 1.6$	$9.9 \pm 1.5$
<b><sup>221</sup>Ac</b>		
Stopping Efficiency (calc.) / %		$15.7 \pm 1.8$
Survival and extraction efficiency / %		$49 \pm 11$
Total Efficiency / %		$7.7 \pm 1.6$
<b><sup>219</sup>Rn</b>		
Stopping Efficiency (calc.) / %	$25 \pm 2.4$	
Survival and extraction efficiency / %	$58 \pm 9$	
Total Efficiency / %	$14.5 \pm 2.0$	

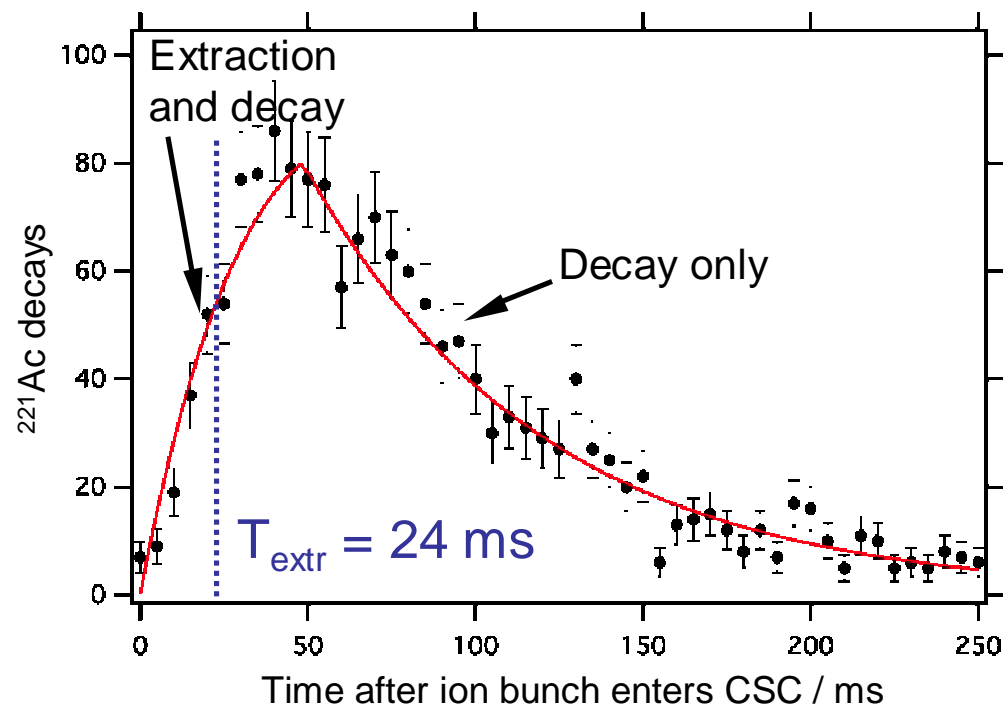


# Extraction Time

Extraction time measurement using short  $^{221}\text{Ac}$  ion bunches ( $T_{1/2} = 52$  ms)



Pressure = 49 mbar, Temperature = 75 K  
DC field = 23.2 V/cm, 6 ms spill length



## Comparison of results

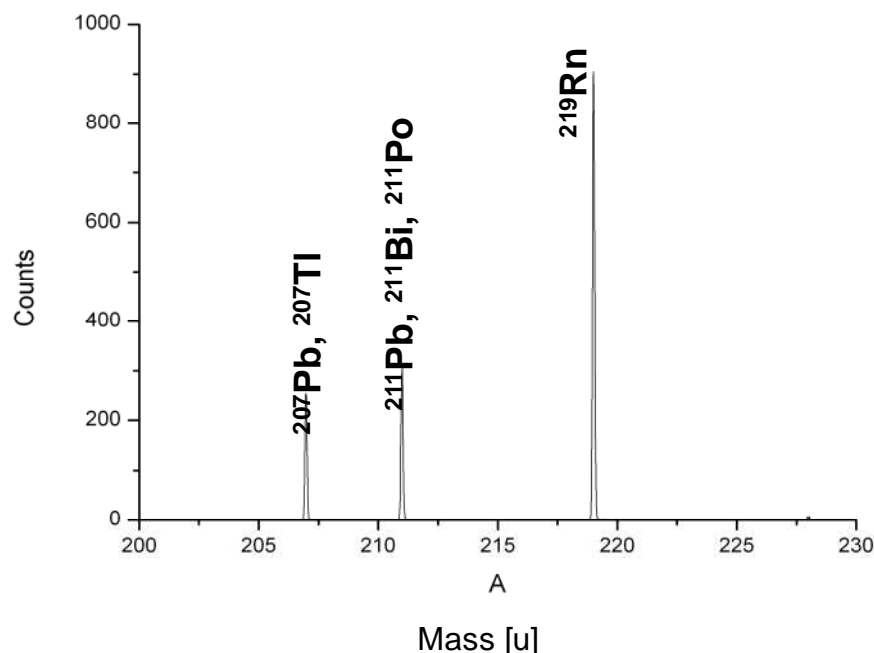
	Experiment	Theory ( $K_0=15$ cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs)
Online (49 mbar, 75 K, 23 V/cm)	24 ms	27 ms
Offline (50 mbar, 102 K, 19 V/cm)	25 ms	24 ms

W.R. Plaß et al., NIM B 317 (2013) 457; S. Purushothaman et al., EPL (in print)

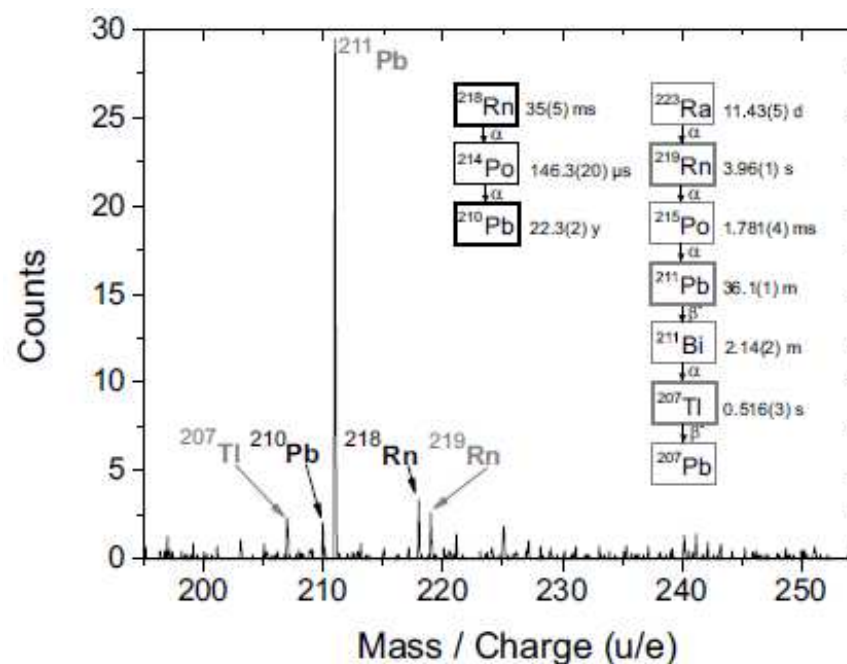
# Cleanliness of the Stopping Cell

Broadband mass spectra taken with the MR-TOF-MS

Offline with  $^{223}\text{Ra}$  Source



With Beam



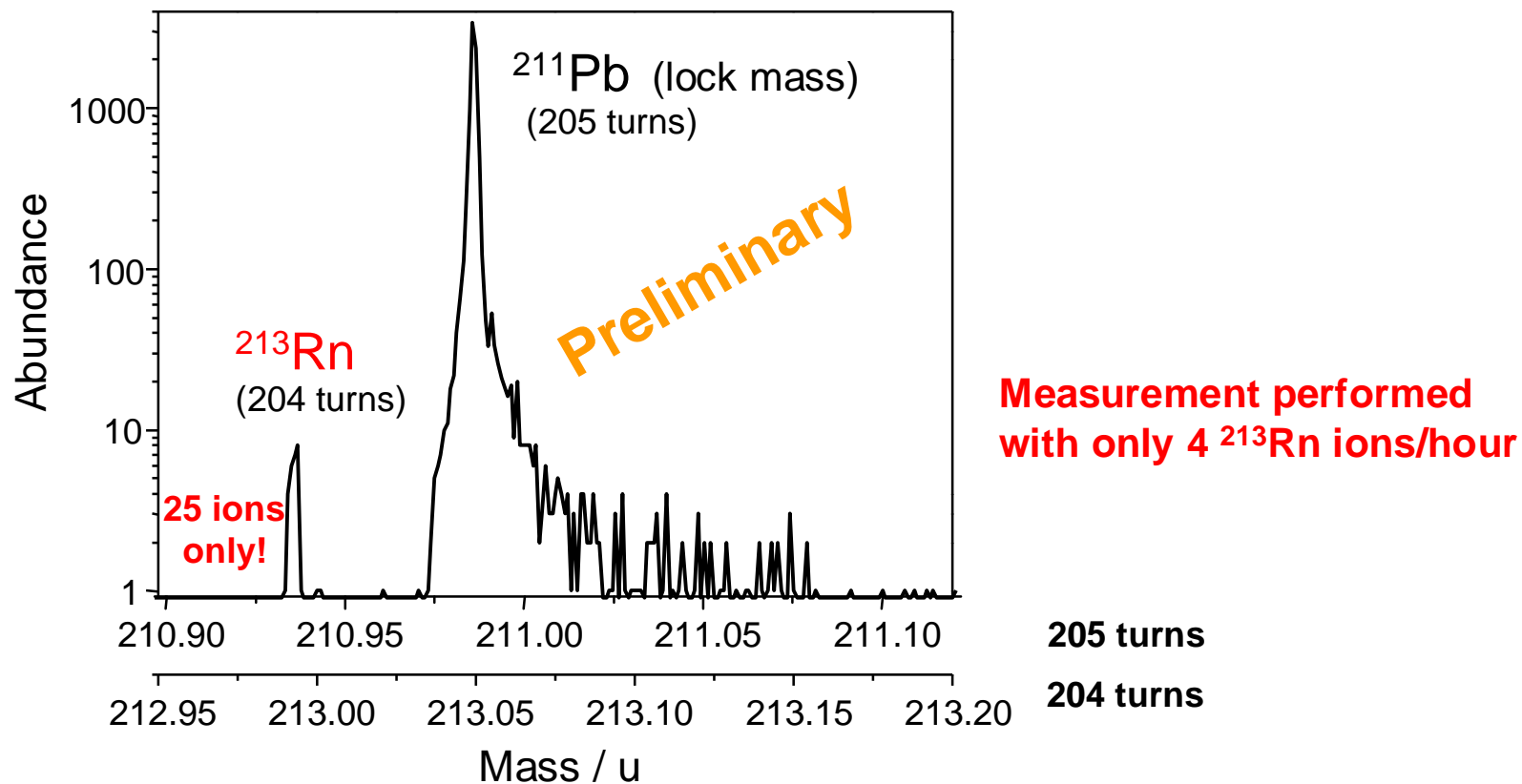
- Molecular contaminants / adduct formation are not a problem for the cryogenic stopping cell
- Broadband mass spectrometry is a necessity for quick and reliable operation of a stopping cell

J. Ebert; S. Purushothaman et al., EPL (in print)



# MR-TOF-MS Mass Measurements

First direct mass measurement of  $^{213}\text{Rn}$  ( $T_{1/2} = 19.5$  ms)



**First direct mass measurement of  
projectile fragments with an MR-TOF-MS:**

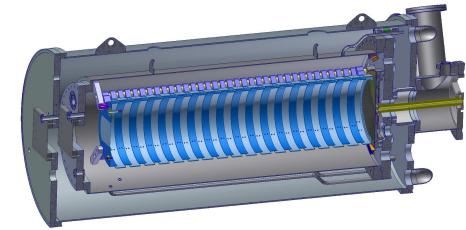
- $^{211}\text{Po}$  and  $^{211}\text{Rn}$ ,  $^{213}\text{Rn}$

T. Dickel et al.

# Conclusions

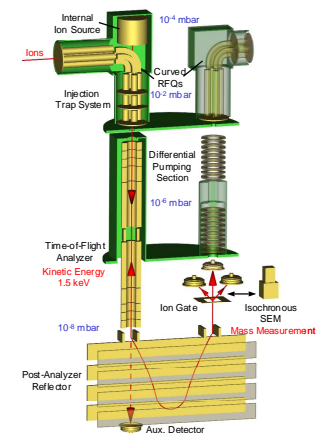
## Stopping cell for the Super-FRS and the FRS Ion Catcher

- Cryogenic, high density operation, suitable for exotic nuclei produced at relativistic energies
- Commissioned off-line and on-line
- Preliminary performance values ( $^{238}\text{U}$  fragments):  
Stopping efficiency up to  $\sim 25\%$   
Survival and extraction efficiency  $\sim 50\%$   
Extraction time  $\sim 25$  ms



## High-performance multiple-reflection time-of-flight mass spectrometer

- Mass resolving power up to 600.000 at 50% transmission  
Mass measurement accuracy down to  $10^{-7}$   
Cycle time  $\sim 10$  ms  
Single ion sensitivity
- First direct mass measurements of heavy projectile fragments
- High-resolution mass separator
- Diagnostics tool: identification and quantification



# Outlook

## Cryogenic stopping cell

- Systematic study of the cryogenic stopping cell (e.g. intensity limitations, temperature effects)
- Test with fission fragments
- Increase stopping efficiency even further (higher densities)
- Develop final version of the stopping cell for the LEB

## MR-TOF-MS

- Further performance improvements (higher voltages, highly stable HV, cryogenic injection trap, ultra-high-performance analyzer, etc.)  
→ Resolving power  $> 10^6$  → Isomer separator!
- Systematic study of mass measurement accuracy, laser ablation ion source for mass calibration
- Perform mass measurements at the FRS Ion Catcher, SHIP, TRIUMF, JYFL, ....;
- Applications in analytical mass spectrometry

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